Training by Indian instructors to other countries airmen

2554. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of countries in which Indian Instructors are providing training to the airmen of the respective countries; and

(b) on what considerations such services are being provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) and (b) Indian Instructors are deputed to countries with whom India has bilateral friendly relations, at their request, for training their airmen. It will not be in the public interest to give further details in this regard.

Training to Iraqi airmen by Indian instructors

2555. SHRI M. A. BABY:
SHRI DEBENDRA NATH BARMAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news item which appeared in the Daily dated the 22nd January, 1987 regarding training by Indian Air Force instructors to Iraqi airmen;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) since when Indian instructors have been given training in Iraq; and

(d) what is the number of more countries where Indian instructors are giving similar training, given country-wise details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian Air Force Instructors are carrying out instructional duties in Iraq. They are strictly prohibited from either participating in or planning operational missions for the Iraqi Air Force.

(c) Indian Instructors have been giving training since 1959.

(d) There are other countries where our military instructors are working. It will not be in the public interest, however, to give further details in this regard.

Children programmes on Doordarshan

2556. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the average hour of Doordarshan time devoted to children programmes in the country;

(b) whether Government propose to increase this duration; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The total duration of children's programmes (including educational programmes) originating from various Programme Production Kendras is about 74 hours and 30 minutes per week.

(b) and (c) The Working Group set up to prepare the Software Plan for Doordarshan headed by Dr. P. C. Joshi has, *inter alia* recommended that the transmission time in respect of children's programmes needs to be increased and adequate facilities made available for production of such programmes. This recommendation has been accepted by the Government.

Figures of net savings

2557. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the figures of country's net savings issued by R.B.I. in January, 1987;

(b) what are the figures of country's net savings issued by the Central Statistical Organisation in January, 1987; and

(c) what are the reasons for divergence in figures, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Figures of net domestic savings as released by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in January 1987 in its Report on Currency and Finance 1985-86 are Rs. 29,622 crores, Rs. 32,248 crores and Rs. 35,638 crores for the years 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86 respectively.

(b) Figure of net domestic savings is released by Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) in January 1987 in its Quick Estimates of National Income, Consumption, Savings and Capital Formation are Rs. 29,635 crores, Rs. 33,691 crores and Rs. 37,585 crores for the years 1983-84, 1984-85, and 1985-86 respectively.

(c) Variation in the two sets of figures is mainly due to the point of time at which these estimates are prepared by the two agencies. CSO releases its estimates after detailed analysis of data available upto mid-December, whereas RBI estimates are based on data available upto July/August following the close of the financial year and partly due to variation in methodology.

Promotion of Schedule Castes and Schedule Tribes Assistants in Indian Investment Centre

2558. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Indian Investment Centre Assistants belonging to the Scheduled Castes community have not been promoted to the post of Section Officers even after rendering more than ten years service as Assistants, under Reserve Quota;

(b) whether it is also a fact that certain posts of Section Officers, under the reserve quota for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes are lying vacant for quite some time; and if so, details thereof and the reasons for not filling these posts when persons, belonging to Scheduled Castes tion are available in Indian Investment Centre;

(c) whether any proper roster register is being maintained by Indian Investment Centre to safeguard the interests of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes employees; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that Indian Investment Centre have not filled up reserved vacancies as per reservation rule for category (a), (b), (c) and (d) if not, why?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Promotion to the post of Section Officer is from the cadre of Senior Assistants and not Assistants. There is only one Senior Assistant belonging to the Scheduled Caste Community in the Indian Investment Centre. He was not eligible for promotion to the post of Section Officers in the years 1981 and 1982 as he had not completed 8 years as Senior Assistant. Only one post of Section Officer (Library) was filled by open recruitment in 1986 when none from within the organisation, general or reserved category, could be considered as no one had the necessary qualifications for the post of Section Officer (Library). No post of Section Officer is lying vacant at present.

(c) A Roster is being maintained.

(d) It is not true that persons belonging to the reserved category have not been appointed in the Indian Investment Centre. Out of 108 employees belonging to B, C and D categories, 15 belong to SC/ST. Majority of the 15 employees belonging to 'A' category are deputationists from Government Departments.

Consumer Price Index

2559. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated rise in the